

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT – Wakf Properties in Telangana - Constitution of District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committees to strengthen and enforce the existing arrangements to protect Wakf Lands in the State - Orders Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (ESTT.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 3

Dated: 19/02/2016.

Read the following:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.19, Minorities Welfare (General) Dept., dated 22-05-2002.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.59, Minorities Welfare (Wakf- II) Dept., dated 22-04-1997.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.374, Revenue (Ser-I) Dept., dated 25-06-2002.
- 4) G.O.Ms.No.6, Minorities Welfare (Wakf III) Dept., dated 12-03-2007.

ORDER:

Government of Telangana is committed for the welfare of the Minorities. It is observed Wakf Institutions with their vast endowed property have not been handled properly over the years and have been encroached systematically. It is observed that there an increase in organised grabbing of valuable Wakf lands in Telangana State and there is a need to stop this normal. Government is duty bound to preserve and protect the Wakf Institutions and cannot allow this situation to normal.

2. Certain orders were issued in the G.O.'s read above to curb the grabbing of Wakf Lands. The Government constituted District Task Force Committees in the G.O. 3rd read above for reviewing the status of Wakf lands and safe-guarding these properties. It is observed that no reviews were conducted at District level by the committee and there is no monitoring of the Wakf Institutions by the District Administration. The Wakf Act, 1995 envisages taking the assistance of Revenue/Police/Municipal authorities by Wakf authorities in dealing with Encroachments. There is a need for a coordinated effort in this regard.

3. With a view to institutionalise wakf property monitoring, Government hereby order for constitution of District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee at District Level consisting of the following District level Officials to review and enforce the existing arrangement of protection of Wakf Lands in the State and to strengthen the efforts of the Wakf Board in Protecting and Developing Wakf Institutions.

District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee:

1.	District Collector	Chairman
2.	Superintendent of Police	Member
3.	Joint Collector	Member
4.	District Revenue Officer	Member
5.	Sub-Collector/RDO (Head Quarters)	Member
6.	Municipal Commissioner, Head Quarters	Member
7.	District Minority Welfare Officer	Member-Convenor
8.	Assistant Director (S&LR)	Member
9.	District Registrar	Member
10.	One Member from NGO (Working for protection of Wakf Properties)	Member
11.	One Lady Member (Working for protection of Wakf Properties)	Member
12.	Senior Muslim Advocate (Engaged in Wakf Protection) / or having Knowledge of Wakf matter	Member

4. The District Minority Welfare Officer shall furnish the monthly report on status of Wakfs encroachments to the District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee for taking stringent and coordinated action against the encroachers/grabbers of Wakf Lands.

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5. The District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee shall monitor the eviction of encroachments and prevention of further encroachments of Wakf Properties, by acting in a coordinated manner with all concerned departments. The District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee shall meet once in a month and submit a Status Report to the Commissioner, Minorities Welfare Department every month, indicating the encroachments identified and measures taken by them regarding the eviction and safeguarding of the Wakf lands in the respective Districts.

6. The Director, Minorities Welfare shall review the performance of the Districts in the protection of Wakf properties and removal of encroachments and other Wakf aspects on a monthly basis and submit report to Government every month.

7. The District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee formulated above shall also identify those Wakf Properties which have a commercial potential and give suggestions to Wakf Board for development to maximise income generation to the Wakf Board.

8. The District Wakf Protection and Coordination Committee should review and order for cancellation of Occupancy Right Certificates and the Patta pass books issued in the name of individuals, over Wakf lands and restore the name of Wakf institutions by implementing the provisions of Inam Abolition Act. The District Wakf Protection and Coordinated Committee should also review criminal prosecution against the occupiers.

9. The Superintendent of Police to extend support in the removal of encroachments, and for registering criminal cases against encroachers by invoking IPC/CRPC/ Wakf Act, and Prevention of Corruption Act, as may be relevant.

10. The District Minorities Welfare Officer shall prepare and maintain computerised list of Wakf Institutions in the District and communicate the same to the District Collector and he shall in turn get it entered in the POB register and ensure no Wakf land is registered in private transactions.

11. The Joint Collector shall arrange for insertion of Wakf Institutions details in Revenue Records and also monitor disposal of cases related to Wakfs in the Revenue courts on a monthly basis.

12. The Municipal Commissioner/DPO shall also be communicated District Wakf Institutions details and they shall not entertain applications of construction of private buildings on Wakf lands without NOC from the Wakf Board.

13. The Wakf subject shall also be reviewed during the D.D.R.C. Meetings and Collectors Conferences.

14. All the District Collectors are requested to take necessary action in the matter and arrange to furnish Monthly reports to the Director, Minority Welfare in the prescribed format.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**SYED OMER JALEEL,
Secretary to Government.**

To

All District Collectors.

All the concerned.

Copy to:-

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue Department.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department.

The Director, Minorities Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, State Wakf Board, Hyderabad.

The Spl. Secretary to Hon'ble C.M.

The P.S. to Chief Secretary.

The P.S. to Secy. to Govt., Minorities Welfare Department.

The P.S. to Hon'ble Dy. C.M. (Revenue)

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